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Dear Mr. Tobias:

This letter completes our response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, BLM-2019-00141/CO-19-004, dated November 06, 2018, and received by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office on November 06, 2018. In your FOIA, you sought the following records:

"Any written or electronic communications, including text messages and email attachments, between acting state director Greg Shoop (or his executive assistants) and any representative, agent or employee of the Western Energy Alliance, an oil and gas industry trade group. This request seeks records produced between June 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed."

The Colorado State Office conducted a search of their files and did not locate any records responsive to your request.

The undersigned is responsible for this no records response. You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this final letter.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the BLM's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the BLM concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and the BLM's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and the BLM will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in

the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal. You may also seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Ryan Witt at (202) 912-7562.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal. Please send your written appeal to:

Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.
MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240
Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339
Fax: (202) 208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

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Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
(OGIS) 8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Facsimile: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions related to your FOIA request, please contact Laura Garcia Hinojosa, BLM Colorado FOIA Officer at (303) 239-3686 or Vanessa Romero, FOIA Specialist at (303) 239-3651; via mail at the letterhead address; or via email at BLM_CO_FOIA@blm.gov.

Sincerely,



Gregory P. Shoop
Associate State Director